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ADMINISTRATIVE LETTER No. 11

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

TELEPHONE NUMBERS

On several occasions recently we have had difficulty in contacting some of our field offices by telephone due to incorrect telephone numbers listed in our Washington files, and in a few instances no record of field supervisors' home telephone numbers.

In order to bring our field directories up to date, we wish that the field supervisors of our various area offices, as well as all State supervisors, would mail us not later than June 1 their office and home addresses and telephone numbers, also the home addresses and telephone numbers of their assistants.

Whenever any change of residence or telephone number occurs, advise us immediately. We realize that most of our area and State supervisors are following this policy. However, due to the need of rechecking these items before issuing the new directory we are asking that all of the personnel mentioned above give this request immediate attention.

S. R. Smith
Director

FRESH PRODUCTS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION DIVISION

DO NOT EMPLOY W. W. FINALYSON TO INSPECT FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Because of actions not for the good ofthe service in Florida Winforn Willingham Finalyson should not be licensed as a fresh fruit and vegetable inspector in any area without specific approval from Washington.

CORRECTION TO CANADIAN IMPORT REQUIREMENTS CIRCULAR

On page 4, paragraph 7 ofthe Canadian Import Requirements Circular the instructions regarding tomatoes should read as follows:

TOMATOES - Present established grades are: U.S.No.1, U.S.No.2

On reshipments from terminal markets, Canada will accept tomatoes which meet the "en route or at destination" tolerances for decay or soft ripe as specified in the U. S. Grades.

The words "soft ripe" were left out of previous instructions by mistake.

RECEIVING MARKET OFFICES AT ASHEVILLE, N. C.; MOBILE, ALA.; AND ROANOKE, VA.

A receiving market inspection office has been opened at Asheville, N. C. with Mr. J. E. Jenrette in charge. The address is 311 County Court House Bldg. Phone: Asheville 4592. The number to be used in marking inspected cars is 59.

Mr. Roy J. Blackman is in charge of the Mobile, Ala. office under the supervision of Mr. John A. Curry of the Montgomery office. The address of the Mobile office is 415 Wilson Bldg. Phone: 2-5559. The number to be used in marking inspected cars is 45.

Mr. H.S.C. Peyton, Sr. is in charge of the Roanoke office. His address is 539 Main St., Wasena, Roanoke, Va. Phone: 31981. Mail address: P.O. Box 1287. The number to be used in marking inspected cars is 53.

AGREEMENT WITH PITTSBURGH PRODUCE INSPECTION SERVICE TO HANDLE ALL THEIR INSPECTIONS

An agreement has been entered into with the Pittsburgh Produce Inspection Service at Pittsburgh, Pa., whereby we will make condition-only inspections of all their carloads of produce. The inspectors who will perform this work under the supervision of Mr. J. J. Gardner, are: Messrs. E. E. Bowen,II; William H. Fost; William H. Winfield; W. H. Jennings; and Henry McCahill.

CHANGE IN ADDRESS OF ST. LOUIS OFFICE

The St. Louis office under Mr. Alex Polster has moved to 944 U.S.Court and Custom House. Phone: Garfield 0360, Stations 363 and 364.

CORRECTION ON SHIPPING POINT INSPECTION HANDBOOK FOR GREEN CORN DATED MARCH 1945

On Shipping Point Handbook for Green Corn, pages 5 and 6, in example 2 paragraph 34 and example 4 paragraph 36 the following words should be deleted "Few ears, kernels turning hard."

TEMPORARY SEASONAL SHIPPING POINT ADDRESSES

For Alabama reports wire John A. Curry, Federal-State Inspection Service, Foley, Ala. Phone: 134.

For Georgia reports wire Federal-State Inspection Service, 701 Grand Bldg., Macon, Ga. Phone: 8103 and 8104. Mail: P.O.Box 1157.

For Missouri " " C. S. Lowthorp, Federal-State Inspection Service, Monett, Mo.

For Tennessee " " A.W.Gordon, Federal-State Inspection Service, Humboldt, Tenn.

RETIREMENT OF FRANK S. KINSEY

Frank S. Kinsey of our Los Angeles inspection office retired May 1 after about 28 years service with the fruit and vegetable inspection service. He was part owner and operator of a fruit rance in the Yakima Valley, and packing house foreman and field man for a Yakima Valley Fruit Association from 1909-1918. He was appointed to the Bureau of Markets in 1918 and reported to Chicago for inspection training. He worked in the New York office until 1920 when he was assigned to Pittsburgh to take charge of the inspection office there at the time Mr. Robb left to come to Washington. In 1921 he was made supervising inspector of the shipping point inspection work in Washington, Idaho and Texas. Early in the following year he investigated grades and standards in California then became supervising inspector of shipping point inspections in Montana. Late in the same year he again became supervising inspector of shipping point inspection work in Washington, Idaho, and Texas, and also Oregon. In 1926 he moved back east and became supervising inspector of apples in Virginia and for the next several years supervised inspection work there and in Mississippi. In 1931 he became supervising inspector of shipping point inspections in New England. The following year he was assigned to New York City to handle destination inspection work and remained there most of the time until 1936 when he was transferred to Los Angeles where he has been continuously located up to the time of his retirement. Kinsey was with the inspection service from the earliest days and held many important supervisory assignments. His long period of conscientious service is well known to all of those in the inspection work. He is retiring to live in Southern California and his many friends in the service wish him many future years of health and happiness.

E. E. Conklin, Chief

MARKET NEWS DIVISION

MARKET NEWS ARRANGEMENTS IN DELAWARE

Arrangements have been worked out whereby certain market information from selected Eastern markets is furnished to the Delaware Bureau of Markets at Dover by the Washington office. The Dover office releases this to growers,

shippers, and through the newspapers. This work is being developed slowly with strawberries now the only commodity being reported. It is hoped, however, to later cover all crops of interest in Delaware and nearby Eastern Shore areas.

PHILADELPHIA TELEPHONE

The telephone number of the Philadelphia Market News office should be changed to read Market 6000, extensions 50,51, and 52, instead of extensions 27 and 29, which appear on the address list.

ST. LOUIS OFFICE ADDRESS CHANGED

The St. Louis office moved on May 17, 1946, to 942 U.S. Court and Custom House, 1114 Market St., - Telephone Garfield 0360, Station 114.

SHIPPING POINT NOTES

Unseasonably heavy rains in Southeast slowed down potato digging in Alabama, Louisiana, Florida, and South Carolina, and delayed opening of North Carolina potato season about a week. Beans in Louisiana, Mississippi and South Carolina damaged. Florida late celery severely damaged with deal likely about over by June 1. California potato shipments continue heavy. No serious car shortage reported in any section as result of coal strike or threatened rail strike. First straight cars (3 cars) California cantaloups moved May 21, light truck and trial air express movement previously; early quality good; fairly heavy early movement expected since high percentage of acreage covered. Florida orange movement expected to be light after first week in June but some additional movement of grapefruit. Carrot movement in Imperial Valley about over; shipments from Salt River Valley increasing. North Texas onion movement active by week of May 27- Fort Worth office will issue special onion reports beginning June 27. North Texas tomato movement active by June 1. Mississippi tomato movement will come on at about same time.

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS

Location	In Charge	Commodity	Probable Opening & Closing Dates
Brawley, Calif. Planters Hotel Bldg.	J.A.Hunter	Cantaloups	May 20-July 31
Charleston, S.C. 16 County Center Bldg.	D.R.Hall	Potatoes & vegetables	May 8 -June 7
Crystal Springs, Miss. P.O.Box 192	B.I.Burrell	Vegetables	Apr.24-June 25
Foley, Alabama	H.Jack Jones	Potatoes	Apr.22-May 25
Lakeland, Fla. LW Box 191	H.F.Willson	Citrus	Oct.7 -May 17
Leesburg, Fla. 120 W. Main St.	R.M.Peterson	Watermelons	May 14-June 15
Macon, Ga. LW 502 Grand Bldg.	C.B.Miller	Peaches	May 27-July 25
Washington, N.C.	J.M.Roberts	Potatoes	May 27-June 28
OPENING			
Jacksonville, Tex.	R. E. Winfrey	Tomatoes	June 3-July 3
Onley, Va.	J.C.Keller	Potatoes	June 10-July 27
CLOSED			
Sanford, Fla.	C.D.Sherman	Celery	Jan.2- May 31
Weslaco, Tex.	R.E.Winfrey	Citrus & vegetables	Oct.18-May 31

C. D. Schoolcraft, Chief

VEGETABLE DIVISION

CONTRACT APPROVAL PROGRAM

Details of the procedure relative to the approval of grower-canner contracts in connection with the 1946 canned vegetable subsidy program are being developed and will be available from the State PMA Committees soon.

The previous requirement of certification by the State PMA Committees of the Production and Marketing Administration will not be a requirement under the 1946 program. The canner who purchases raw vegetables on variety, grade or sieve size basis under grower-canner acreage contracts, however, must obtain a determination from his State PMA Committee whether the terms to growers prices not less than the designated area average prices announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. If the grade, variety, or sieve size contract price paid by the canner is determined to be less than the designated area average price, an offset from the subsidy payment will be

made. In a like manner, an offset is provided when open market or field run prices paid are less than the designated area average prices announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. If the grade, variety, or sieve size contract price paid by the canner is determined to be less than the designated area average price, an offset from the subsidy payment will be made. In a like manner, an offset is provided when open market or field run prices paid are less than the designated area average price.

MARKETING AGREEMENT ON FLORIDA CELERY

E. J. Holcomb left for Florida on May 15 to meet with representative celery growers and shippers in the various producing areas of Florida to discuss the proposed marketing on Florida celery.

CERTAIN INFORMATION NECESSARY WHEN SURPLUS PURCHASES ARE RECOMMENDED

Before this Division can recommend purchases of surplus fresh vegetables, it is necessary that we have certain information that will give us a complete picture of the local situation. Time will be saved if field offices will submit the necessary information at the time they recommend the purchase plan. The following questionnaire is intended as a guide as to the type of information needed.

1. Area of purchase - Indicate if one or more states are involved. If there are several well defined producing districts in the area, indicate the approximate volume and marketing dates of each district.

2. Approximate total quantity remaining to be harvested or marketed (stated in acreage and carloads) and percentage of crop already moved at time recommendation is made. Also state best estimate of average price received by growers on such percentage already moved.

3. Contemplated method of operation, this is, whether purchases will be made principally from growers or growers' organizations, growers agents or dealers.

4. Statement covering commercial marketing facilities, whether packing, grading, icing, loading, transportation, inspection and other facilities are adequate. State also whether or not growers and shippers are vigorously pursuing all commercial outlets. Are buyers active? State any part processing is or may take in handling crop.

5. Your recommendation should also include the following for purposes of determining basis of purchase: -

    1. Grade
    2. Package
    3. Price
    4. Approximate duration of program
    5. Approximate quantity which may be required to be purchased, with best estimate of rate of

purchase per day or per week in order obtain best results.

6. General: Any information as to quality of crop and any unusual feature of size or general shipping condition of commodity brought about by abnormal weather or growing conditions.

7. Any information which you have available from your contact with growers, shippers or buyers as to competition in terminal markets with the same product from other producing districts.

L. S. Fenn, Chief

PROCESSED PRODUCTS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION DIVISION

STANDARDIZATION

Information has been received to the effect that members of the dehydration industry have started meetings to discuss the needs of standardization and inspection of their products. The district supervisors have been acquainted with the tentative plans and progress of the committee chosen to represent members of this industry. Any data or pertinent information that inspectors have gathered in the process of their inspections should be forwarded to the district supervisors to retain until such time as definite standards are requested by the industry.

The first issues of the following standards have been signed to become effective June 1, 1946:

Tentative United States Standards for Grades of Green Olives
Tentative United States Standards for Grades of Frozen Sweet Cherries

DEMONSTRATIONS

Mr. Earl F. Burk addressed the Food Processors Conference, sponsored by the Agricultural Extension Division of the Louisiana State University, on May 14, at Baton Rouge. His speech highlighted the phases and progress of continuous inspection and the advantages that accrue to the packer or distributor.

A demonstration was presented by Miss Martha K. Shumpert and Mr. Earl F. Burk for a home economics class of the Southeastern Louisiana College, April 26, 1946.

NEW PUBLICATION NOW AVAILABLE

Copies of the new publication "Questions and Answers on Government Inspection of Processed Fruits and Vegetables" have been supplied to our Regional Offices and may be obtained from the Regional Supervisors. Members of other Divisions of this Branch may obtain copies from their Area Information Services office.

F. L. Southerland, Chief

REGULATORY DIVISION

LICENSES EFFECTIVE

PACA License No. 100,000 was recently issued to a firm in California. Of this number, 21,576 licenses are now effective.

LEAVES WASHINGTON

Mr. Hilgeson will return to the Portland office about May 31 after having assisted with work in the Washington office for about two months.

DUTIES

About May 31, Mr. Edwards will take over the duties formerly handled by Mr. Albritton.

T. C. Curry, In Charge

DRIED FRUIT DIVISION

SURPLUS SALES

The total known quantity of surplus dried fruit owned by Commodity Credit Corporation and other Government agencies, sold and yet to be sold, amounts to 11,670 tons. After the acceptance on May 24 of the offers now on hand submitted pursuant to Announcement FV-71, all of the surplus dried fruits except approximately 1,100 tons will be sold. This quantity will be included in a sales announcement now being prepared.

MEETING WITH DRIED FRUIT PACKER REPRESENTATIVES

A group of eight representatives of California dried fruit packers met in Washington the week of May 20 with representatives of the Fruit and Vegetable Branch and Office of Price Administration for the purpose of

discussing preliminary operating plans for the 1946-47 marketing season.

MEETING WITH TREE NUT INDUSTRY REPRESENTATIVES

Representatives of the Pacific Coast tree nut industry were in Washington May 22 and 23 to discuss with representatives of the Branch the effect of importations of tree nuts on the marketing of the 1946 U.S. production. They also submitted representations relating to ceiling prices and the sale of surplus nut meats.

E. M. Graham, Chief

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES SECTION

ADDRESS CHANGE

The New York Marketing Field Office has been moved from 150 Broadway to 641 Washington Street, Room 724. The telephone number is Canal 6-4000, Ext. 90. Mr. Kenneth W. Schaible is in charge of this office.

WESLACO MARKETING FIELD OFFICE CLOSED

The Weslaco Marketing Field Office was closed effective May 23, 1946. Mr. W. D. Lurry can now be contacted at 556 U. S. Terminal Annex, Dallas, 2, Texas. The telephone number is Central 3425; Long Distance 184.

W. C. Hasbrouck
Administrative Officer